

FATE OF "RUBE" BENTON IN "CZAR" LANDS HANDS

Return of Famous Pitcher to
Organized Fold Depends
Upon Investigation.

[By Associated Press.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Pitcher Rube Benton, recently purchased by the Cincinnati Nationals from St. Paul, will be barred from baseball if investigations reveal he was involved in the crooked world's series of 1919.

Commissioner Landis announced tonight that Benton was under investigation for having received money from a tipster to throw the 1919 world's series. Benton, who called on the commissioner yesterday to inquire into his status, was told there was nothing in the commissioner's records at this time to prevent him from playing organized baseball.

The commissioner, however, had started investigating reports that Benton had knowledge of the "fixing" of the 1919 world's series, and when he learned tonight that President Heydler of the National League had taken steps to bar Benton as an undesirable, the commissioner said he would continue his inquiry and probably would have a report before the season opens.

President Johnson of the American League, previously had declared Benton would not be permitted to play in his league. He said two players had made affidavits that Benton had told them he had won a large sum on the 1919 series, having received advance information that the series had been fixed.

This information, Benton was alleged to have said, was obtained from Bill Burns and Jean Dubuc. Since then Benton has said he had bet only \$25 on Cincinnati to win. Benton was dropped by the New York Nationals in 1922, ostensibly for failure to observe training rules. After he joined the St. Paul club, Benton pitched winning ball.

Benton previously was involved in a National League controversy, when he accused Buck Herzog, then manager of the Cincinnati club, of asking him (Benton) to throw ball games. Herzog denied the charge. After President Heydler conducted an investigation, the case was dropped. Herzog was absolved from guilt and given his unconditional release.

"Nothing Doing," Heydler Says.
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Expressing the opinion that Rube Benton, former New York and Cincinnati pitcher, now with St. Paul, is an undesirable player, John A. Heydler, president of the National League, today indicated that Benton would not be permitted to re-enter the league with the Cincinnati club.

As far as I know the deal of the Cincinnati club with the St. Paul club, of the American Association, has not closed," President Heydler said, "and I feel confident that it will not be consummated if the Cincinnati club is advised that the majority of the league clubs do not favor Benton's return to the National League."

President Heydler added that the National League reserved the right to decide what players entered were desirable, but refused to reveal details of the basis for opposition to Benton's return.

General belief, prevailed, however, that objections were based on the pitcher's alleged disregard of training rules when in the National League before. Frank Starnes, conducted the investigation of his name with the 1919 world's series scandal, and charges, which he failed to substantiate, that while with the Giants in 1919 he was offered a bribe by Buck Herzog, to throw a game at the Polo Grounds.

WASHINGTON'S LODGE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—The newly elected officers of Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., of this city, the mother lodge of George Washington, were installed at a meeting held at St. John's Church.

The retiring master, Frank Starnes, conducted the installation services, and the following officers were installed: W. J. Phillips, master; W. J. Ford, senior warden; W. J. Walker, junior warden; H. K. Sweetser, treasurer; Chas. L. Williams, secretary; Samuel Woodbridge, senior deacon; A. H. Chesmond, junior deacon; Rev. J. J. Lander, chaplain; Geo. A. Walker, rite. A large number of Masons were present at the installation services and refreshments in the form of a supper were served before adjournment by women of the Eastern Star.

BOX IS INSPECTED

Mysterious Depository Taken From Tomb of Egyptian Ruler.

[By Universal Service.]

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Luxor (Egypt) correspondent of the London Daily News cables: "Howard Carter, the American archaeological expert in charge of the excavations at Thebes, this morning permitted me to examine the mysterious box taken from the tomb of King Tut-Ankhamen, Thursday."

"It is a treasure of great value, made of ebony, gilded and inlaid with ivory and bronze. Under a heap of dimly linen I saw what Carter thinks were walking sticks, bows and arrows."

"Carter expects to bring out of the tomb its most valuable contents about the middle of next week."

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Historic Allstadt Farm Changes Hands

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 29.—The historic Allstadt farm, of about ninety-three acres, at Allstadt's tollgate, near Hallowtown, Jefferson County, on which John Brown and some of his followers conducted operations before the outbreak of the War Between the States, has been sold to S. David Fordy, of that county, for \$250 per acre.

The farm was sold by J. Thomas Allstadt, who, with his father, the late John H. Allstadt, was seized and taken from his home on the night of the 1858. Brown's men, and was held in the old engine house in the armory yard at Harpers Ferry, until rescued by United States marines on October 18, 1858. Mr. Allstadt and his father and other citizens of the community, also held as hostages, were in the engine house during the siege.

REPORT MUCH "FLU" IN BRISTOL SECTION

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, VA., Dec. 29.—"Flu" said by physicians to be much milder than that of the famous epidemic three years ago, has again attacked hundreds of victims in Bristol and this section. Reports reaching here today from Johnson City say that there are more than 1,000 cases there and a few deaths. From the disease has been recovered.

There is every indication, however, that the disease is not nearly so fatal as it was three and four years ago. Out of the several hundred cases in this city there have been but one or two deaths. A leading physician said today that it was "simply the old-fashioned gripe under a new name."

He admitted that it appeared to be more widespread than ever was gripe in its palmy days and said that this was the question that puzzled him.

FEAR AUGUSTANS LOST WITH STEAMER KAISER

[By Associated Press.]
AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 29.—Fears are expressed here for the safety of Mrs. J. H. Breidenberg and her 15-year-old daughter, Dorothy, of this city, who sailed from Savannah, November 29 on the steam freighter Heinrich Kaiser, bound for Germany.

According to information reaching here, the Breidenbergs, the Heinrich Kaiser, after putting in at Norfolk, wireless to New York about November 29 for help, but later notified the steamer Ossipee, which had started to her assistance, that she would be able to make it alone. Since that time nothing has been heard here from the vessel, and fears have been expressed that the Kaiser met disaster in the Atlantic storm that has been raging for several days.

Mrs. Breidenberg was en route to Leipzig, Germany, where she had planned to place her daughter in school.

\$8,000 FIRE DAMAGE AT PURCELLVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PURCELLVILLE, VA., Dec. 29.—Fire of an unknown origin Thursday entirely destroyed the office buildings of C. E. King, dealer in electrical supplies, and P. P. Hopkins, lumber merchant. These offices were located in the heart of town, and it was only by heroic effort on the part of the men of Purcellville that the lumber yard and adjacent buildings were saved.

The fire, which began in the rear of Mr. King's office, was not discovered until 4 A. M. A heavy rain prevented the flames from spreading rapidly. Some of the supplies in both offices were saved. The safe in Mr. Hopkins' office had already been through two fires, and came through this last in good condition.

The heat from the fire broke several large plate glass windows in the store across the street from the burning buildings.

The total loss is estimated at \$8,000, which is partly covered with insurance.

Will Make Tour of World.
LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Craddock and Miss Elsie Craddock will leave early next month for a tour around the world.

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YOUNG ANGLE PLAYER WINS FROM VETERAN

Stone Overcomes Long Lead
in Getting Billiard Decision Over Sharp.

The dope was upset again last night in the Recreation three-cushion billiard tournament when the youngster Sharp came from behind and defeated the veteran Stone after the latter had gained what seemed to be an unbeatable lead early in the game.

Stone started out as though he was going to repeat last year's match, when he swamped Sharp 25-8, scoring seven points before the youngster was able to count. With his victory, Sharp cut loose and after a game fight, during the course of which he executed some extraordinary shots, he finally took the lead 19-12 and continued his scoring, meanwhile giving his opponent no opening, hushing the game with a fine run of two points. The final score was: Sharp 25, Stone 19. The game consumed 52 innings. Stone had four runs for two points and one run for four points, while Sharp had no less than six runs for two points. Both players shot a very careful game and when they counted, the cue ball was general full on, there being no question about the score.

With Stone suffering defeat at the hands of Sharp, George Herbert now leads the players in percentage of points scored, making 100 out of a possible 100. Sharkey occupies second place with 73 out of 75, but next week he will be put to a test when he meets Sharp. Stone, Stuart and Stuart are tied for third place with 69 points out of a possible 75. Howard still retains high run honors with 72, the closest approach being made by George Herbert, who has a run of 5 to his credit, while four players have made runs of four points.

TO RELEASE PRISONERS

President Harding Will Commute Sentences of Twelve Tomorrow.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Harding expects to sign tomorrow twelve or more "clemency" prisoners. It was said today by a White House spokesman. There will, however, be no "general amnesty," it was added.

The commutations, it was explained, will be in the nature of a New Year's gift. Just prior to Christmas the President granted three commutations, but these were not for offenders against war-time laws.

Dr. R. A. Gamble Returns.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—Dr. R. A. Gamble has returned from San Francisco, where he has been since the middle of November with Dr. Albert Abrams, under whom he has been taking a special course. Dr. Abrams claims that he is able to diagnose cancer, tuberculosis, rheumatism and many other chronic diseases, in the beginning, before they have become incurable, by taking a few drops of blood from the patient and examining it by his method, which is called the electric reaction of Abrams.

Amusements

Coming Here New Year's.

Blanche Ring and Charles Winninger, musical comedy stars, here last season in "The Whirl of the World," are coming to the Academy of Music on New Year's for three nights with a New Year's matinee and Wednesday matinee. Their new musical play is called "As You Were." It is in two acts and ten scenes, and the stars are surrounded by a group of very clever performers. This musical play is a particularly promising entertainment, for it was built for fun-making purposes solely. It is a good, clean show, and if you don't like to laugh in the theater, maybe you had better not go to see it.

Blanche Ring sings popular ballads better than any other musical comedy comedienne on the stage today. She possesses one of those effervescent personalities that invite laughter. Charles Winninger, co-star with Miss Ring in this musical comedy, is a comedian of great artistry. Everything he does on the stage is done in a natural way, without buffoonery. It takes a real artist to provoke laughter without resorting to slap-stick methods, and Mr. Winninger is an artist.

To See "Anna Christie."

Frank Shannon, who plays the drunken sailor lover in Eugene O'Neill's sea tragedy, "Anna Christie," to be presented at the Academy next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Saturday matinee, has had a varied theatrical career dating back to the days of "Shenandoah." He is a graduate of the Dublin school, making 13 years in stock company work, several years on tour, and a stage of motion pictures, where he starred until he was offered the opportunity of creating the part of Matt Burke in "Anna Christie."

H. G. WELLS NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

PARIS, Dec. 29.—H. G. Wells and Ambassador St. Aubin had a narrow escape from death today when the airplane in which they were crossing the English Channel was caught in a tempest.

The plane, carrying the celebrated author and the French ambassador to Great Britain, was speeding from

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Two NEGROES CHARGED WITH THEFT OF CAR

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—Tom Lewis and Elijah Nichols, both colored, were arrested last night by detectives Metcalf and Goodwyn and Officer Brazz, in connection with the robbery of an automobile belonging to W. Y. Borge, Jr., while it was standing on Franklin Street last night.

The police are of the opinion that the negroes know something of the robbery of Rev. W. H. Moore's automobile, while the latter was the guest of Rev. W. Marshall Craig, of Center Hill. The minister's coat was stolen.

FAYETTEVILLE CITIZEN DIES ON A. C. L. TRAIN

[By Associated Press.]

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—Harris Meisels, said to be a prominent resident of Fayetteville, N. C., died suddenly this morning in a drawing room which he occupied with his son and daughter on Atlantic Coast Line train No. 82 Northbound. The cause of his death was not known. The body was taken to Richmond.

Will Open Rehearsals Tuesday.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—The full chorus of 200 voices will start rehearsing Tuesday night on "Elizah," which will be presented some time in May. The chorus will consist of Petersburg and Hopewell singers. A representative of the local club is in New York, for the purpose of securing a singer to take the leading part in "Elizah."

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The Bootlegger's Bad Ways and Big Profits

The lazy and dreamy old Nassau that in other days traded in sponges and tropical fruits, is today a busy commercial center. The sponge-baths are now used as the small craft of the smugglers to reach the South Atlantic coast of the United States, while vessels of all sizes that range from sea-going tugs to a converted Spanish battle-cruiser, carry the cargoes of rum to New York and the New England coast. In the bar-rooms, at the dining-tables, in the lobbies and on the porches of the hotels and boarding-houses at Nassau, the capital city of the Bahama Islands, the bootleggers and whisky smugglers "talk of their plans, tell of their profits and laugh at Uncle Sam." There, according to Frank K. Dolan, who went to the Bahamas to study the rum-runners' methods for the New York Daily News, "a man is either 'right' or 'queer.'" If a stranger is suspected of being "queer"—thought to be a revenue officer, a detective, or some one likely to interfere with the rum-smugglers' operations—"he is curtly told to leave town, and in some instances blackjacked and beaten."

In THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, December 30th, there is an informative and interesting account of the methods and operations of the whisky smugglers.

Among many other news-features of timely interest are:

American Gold to Save Europe Again?

Now Comes a "People's Bloc"

American Blood and Oil

England's Unemployment Plague

Niagara Not So Valuable

Death's Revelation of a New Author

Baptists Enforcing the Golden Rule

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